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THE GUIDING STAR

A Christmas Carol Service

Then be you glad, good people;
At this time of the year,
And light you up your candles,
For His star shineth here.
We have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him

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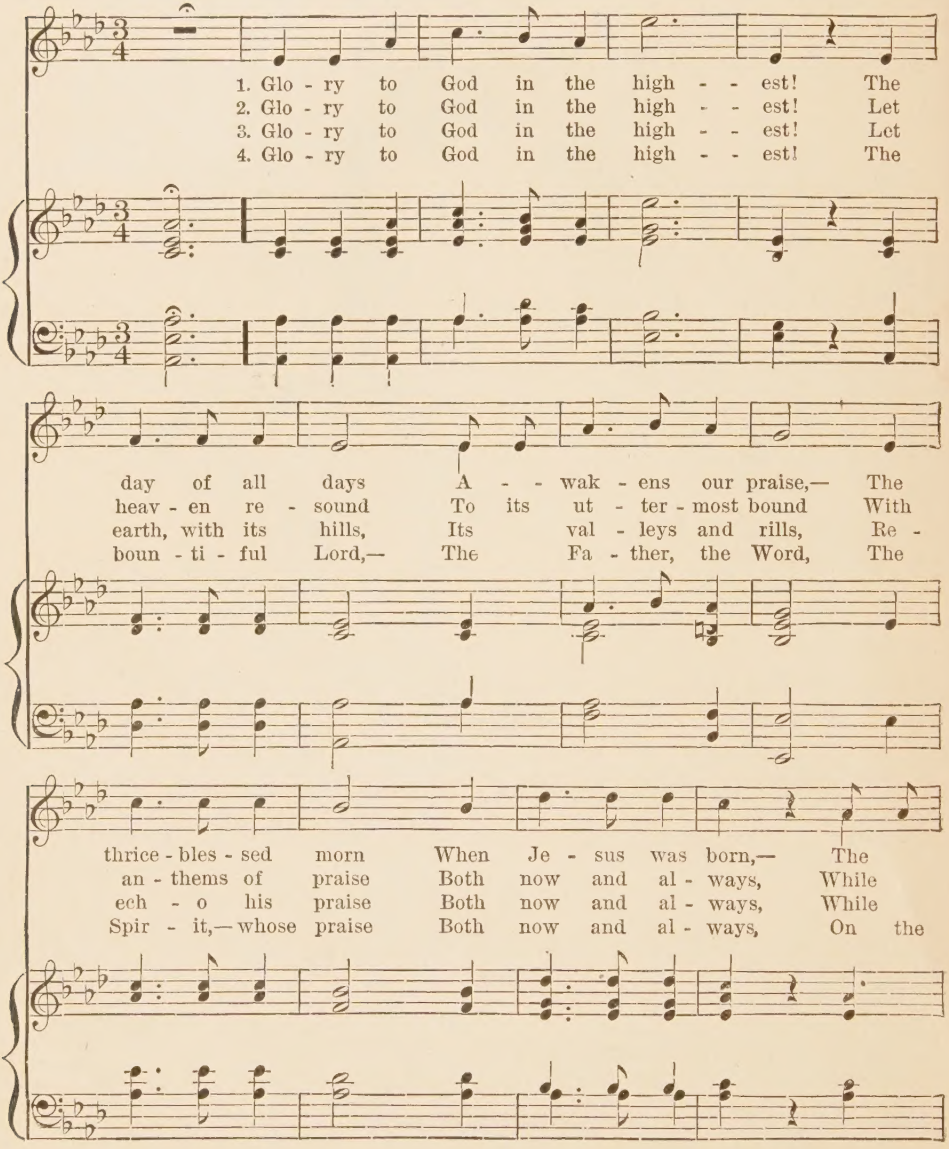
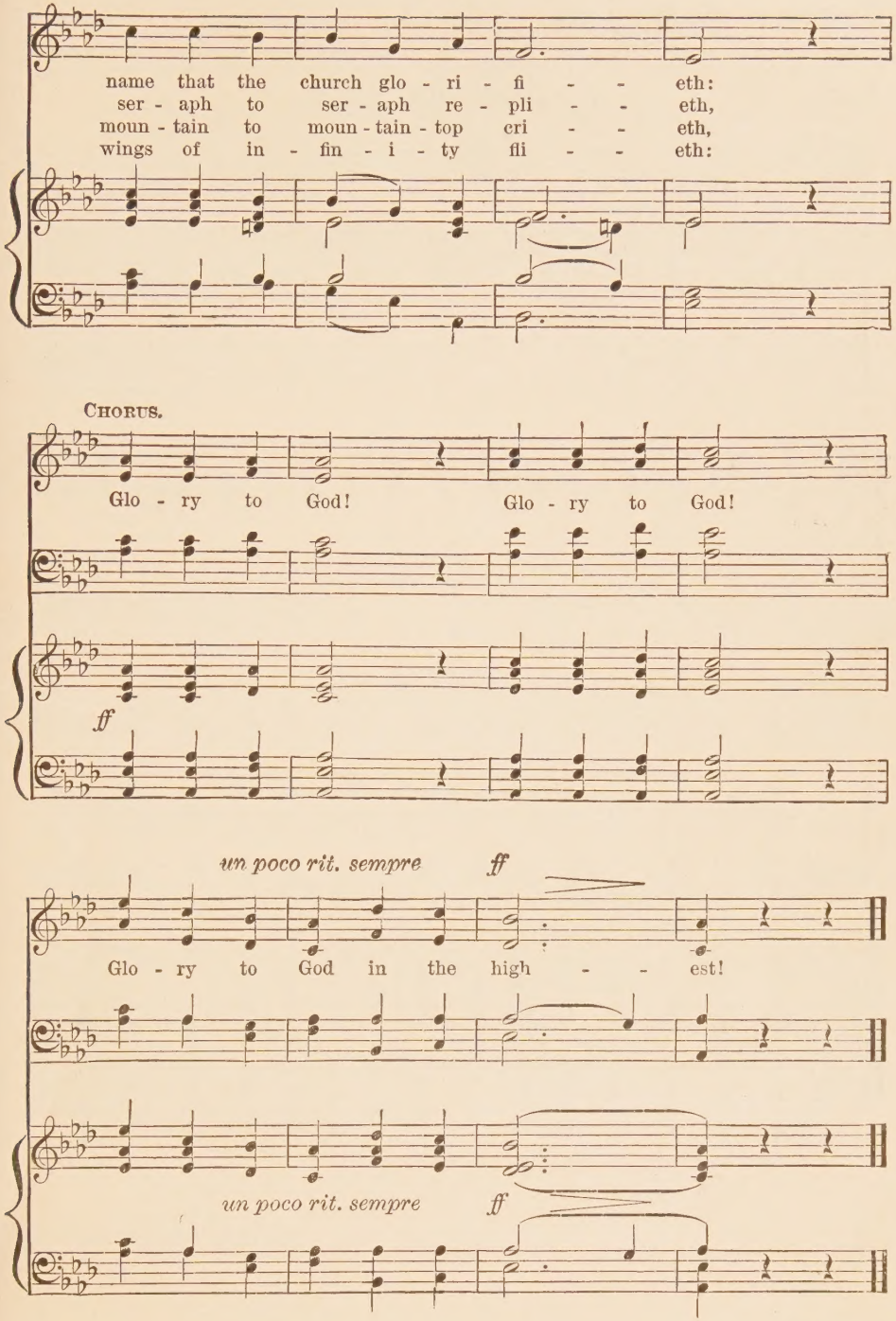
A CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE.

Organ Voluntary.

Song. GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - - est! The
2. Glo - ry to God in the high - - est! Let
3. Glo - ry to God in the high - - est! Let
4. Glo - ry to God in the high - - est! The
day of all days A - - wak - ens our praise,— The
heav - en re - sound To its ut - ter - most bound With
earth, with its hills, Its val - leys and rills, Re -
boun - ti - ful Lord,— The Fa - ther, the Word, The
thrice - bles - sed morn When Je - sus was born,— The
an - thems of praise Both now and al - ways, While
ech - o his praise Both now and al - ways, While
Spir - it,— whose praise Both now and al - ways, On the


name that the church glo - ri - fi - - eth:
ser - aph to ser - aph re - pli - - eth,
moun - tain to moun - tain - top cri - - eth,
wings of in - fin - i - ty fli - - eth:
CHORUS.
Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God!
ff
un poco rit. sempre
ff
Glo - ry to God in the high - - est!
un poco rit. sempre
ff

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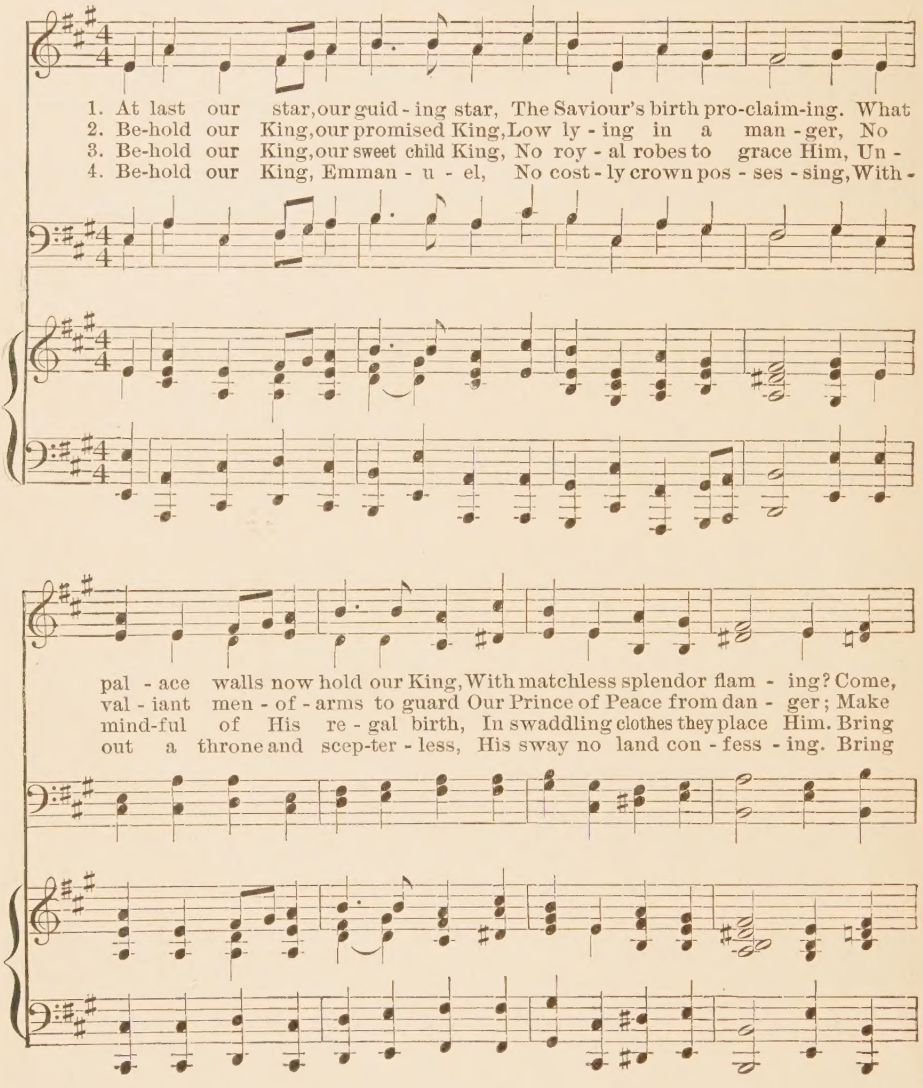
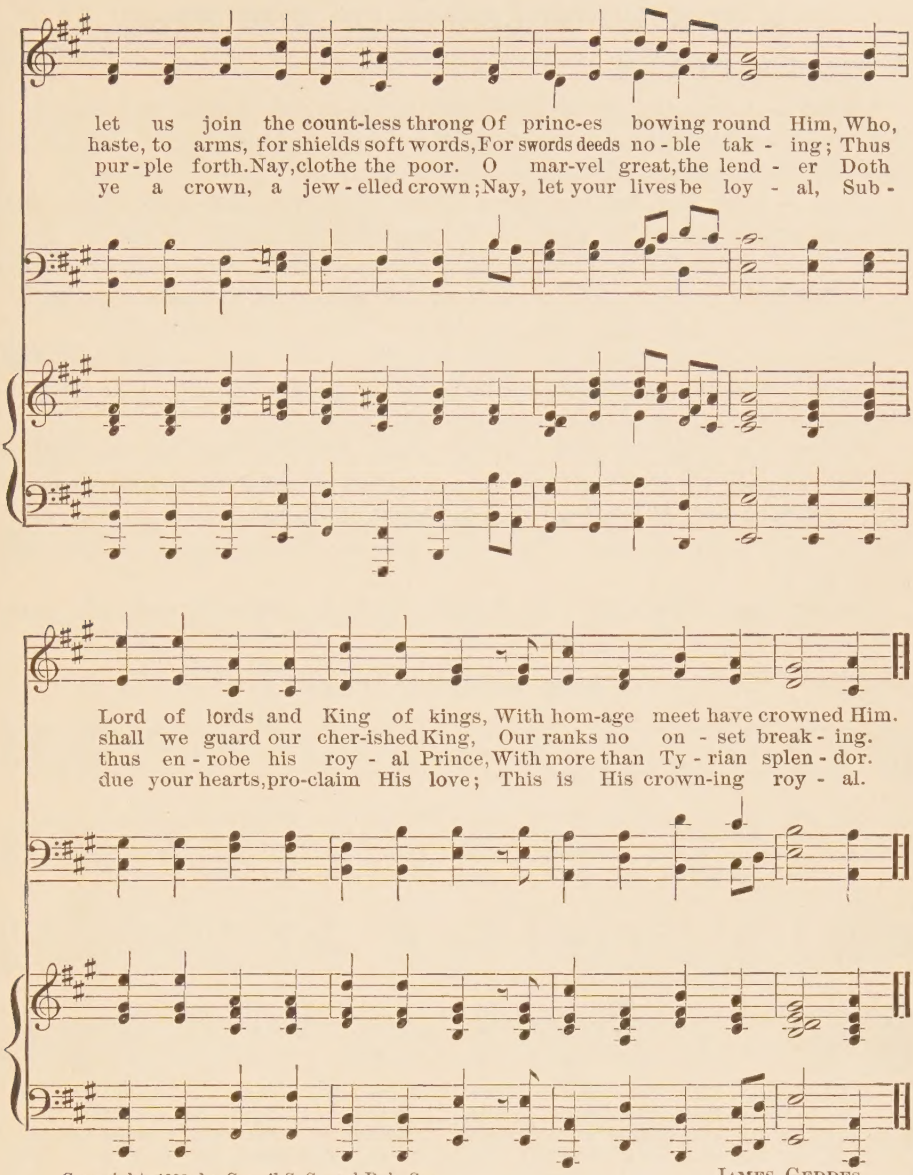
THOMAS MACKELLAR.

Reading of the Scriptures (Luke 2: 1-20).

Song. AT LAST OUR STAR.


1. At last our star, our guid - ing star, The Saviour's birth pro-claim-ing. What
2. Be-hold our King, our promised King, Low ly - ing in a man - ger, No
3. Be-hold our King, our sweet child King, No roy - al robes to grace Him, Un -
4. Be-hold our King, Emman - u - el, No cost - ly crown pos - ses - sing, With -
pal - ace walls now hold our King, With matchless splendor flam - ing? Come,
val - iant men - of - arms to guard Our Prince of Peace from dan - ger; Make
mind-ful of His re - gal birth, In swaddling clothes they place Him. Bring
out a throne and scep-ter - less, His sway no land con - fess - ing. Bring


let us join the count-less throng Of princ-es bowing round Him, Who,
haste, to arms, for shields soft words, For swords deeds no - ble tak - ing; Thus
pur - ple forth. Nay, clothe the poor. O mar-vel great, the lend - er Doth
ye a crown, a jew - elled crown; Nay, let your lives be loy - al, Sub -
Lord of lords and King of kings, With hom-age meet have crowned Him.
shall we guard our cher-ished King, Our ranks no on - set break - ing.
thus en - robe his roy - al Prince, With more than Ty - rian splen - dor.
due your hearts, pro-claim His love; This is His crown-ing roy - al.

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JAMES GEDDES.

Prayer by the Pastor.

I. THE FOREGLEAMS OF THE STAR.

Responsive Reading.

Leader. — Balaam the son of Beor saith: he saith, which heareth the words of God, and knoweth the knowledge of the Most High, which seeth the vision of the Almighty, falling down, and having his eyes open: —

Cong. — **I see him, but not now: I behold him, but not nigh: There shall come forth a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel.**

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples.

But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

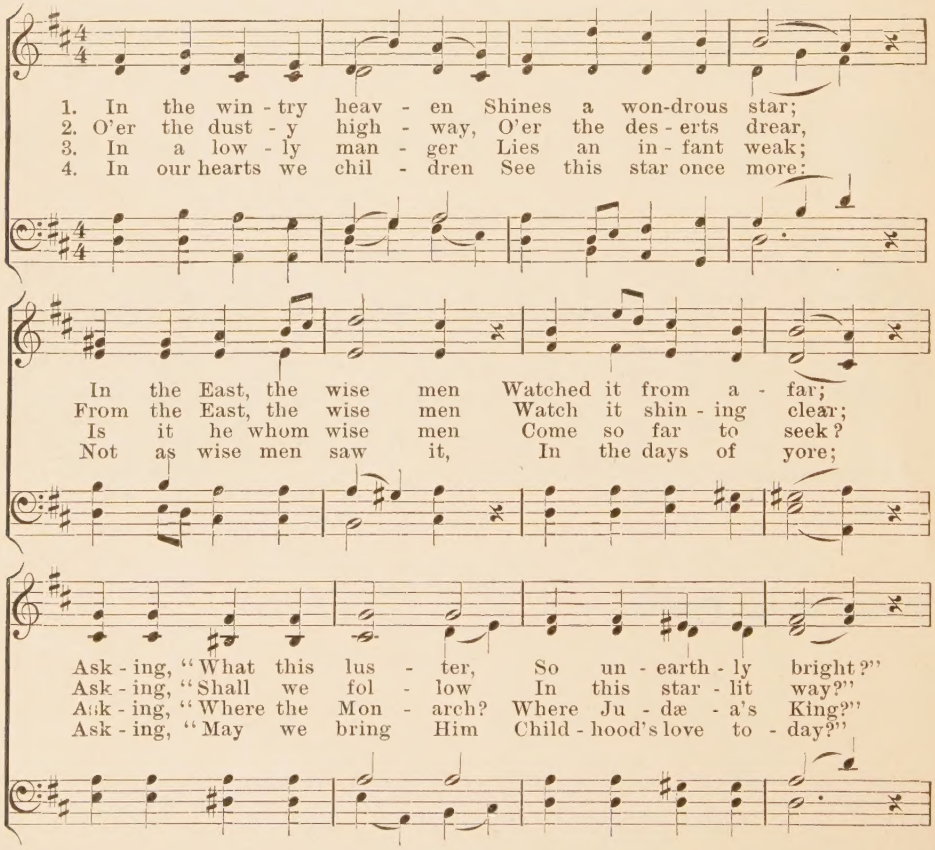
And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

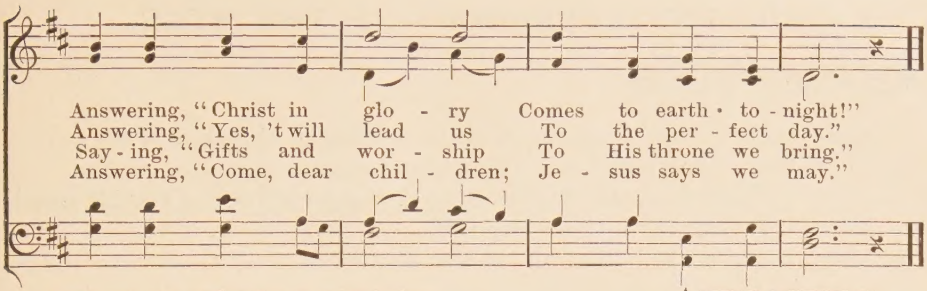
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high shall visit us.

To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Song. IN THE WINTRY HEAVEN.

1. In the win - try heav - en Shines a won-drous star;
2. O'er the dust - y high - way, O'er the des - erts drear,
3. In a low - ly man - ger Lies an in - fant weak;
4. In our hearts we chil - dren See this star once more:
In the East, the wise men Watched it from a - far;
From the East, the wise men Watch it shin - ing clear;
Is it he whom wise men Come so far to seek?
Not as wise men saw it, In the days of yore;
Ask - ing, "What this lus - ter, So un - earth - ly bright?"
Ask - ing, "Shall we fol - low In this star - lit way?"
Ask - ing, "Where the Mon - arch? Where Ju - dæ - a's King?"
Ask - ing, "May we bring Him Child - hood's love to - day?"


Answering, "Christ in glo - ry Comes to earth - to - night!"
Answering, "Yes, 't will lead us To the per - fect day."
Say - ing, "Gifts and wor - ship To His throne we bring."
Answering, "Come, dear chil - dren; Je - sus says we may."

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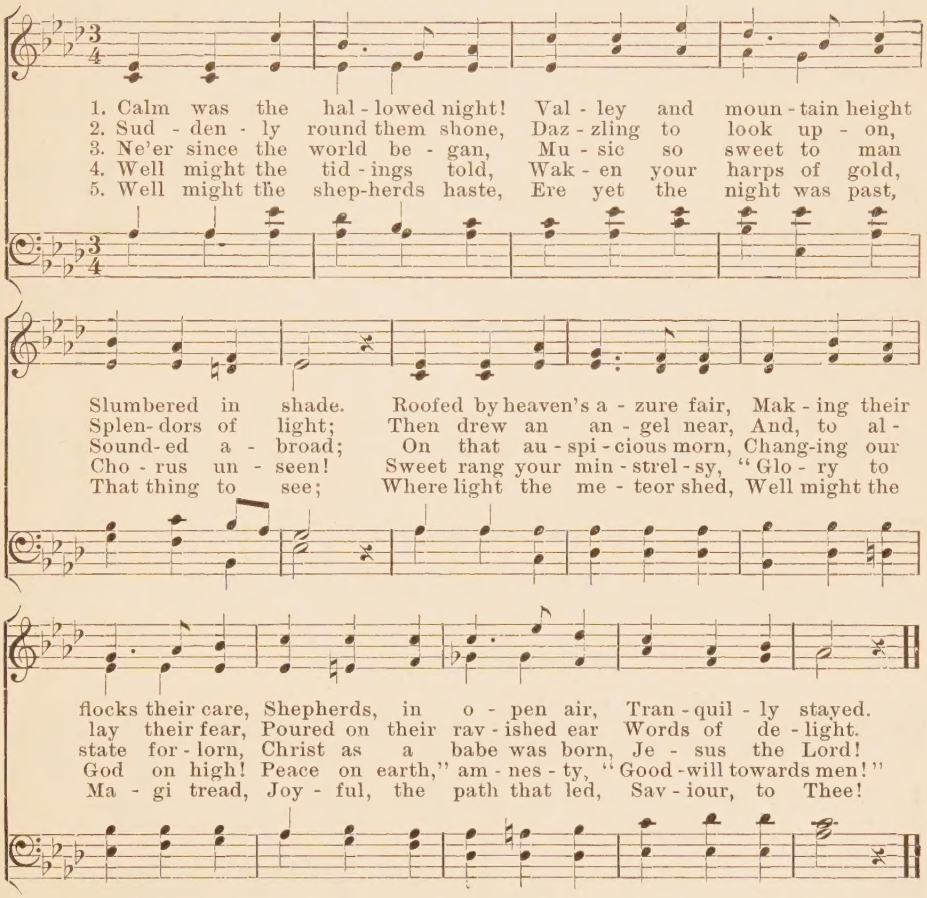
Recitations. I.—THE STAR IN THE EAST.

II.—THE THREE KINGS.

Song. CALM WAS THE HALLOWED NIGHT.

May be sung by voices in unison or in parts.

1. Calm was the hal - lowed night! Val - ley and moun - tain height
2. Sud - den - ly round them shone, Daz - zling to look up - on,
3. Ne'er since the world be - gan, Mu - sic so sweet to man
4. Well might the tid - ings told, Wak - en your harps of gold,
5. Well might the shep-herds haste, Ere yet the night was past,
Slumbered in shade. Roofed by heaven's a - zure fair, Mak - ing their
Splen-dors of light; Then drew an an - gel near, And, to al -
Sound-ed a - broad; On that au - spi - cious morn, Chang-ing our
Cho - rus un - seen! Sweet rang your min - strel - sy, "Glo - ry to
That thing to see; Where light the me - teor shed, Well might the
flocks their care, Shepherds, in o - pen air, Tran - quil - ly stayed.
lay their fear, Poured on their rav - ished ear Words of de - light.
state for - lorn, Christ as a babe was born, Je - sus the Lord!
God on high! Peace on earth," am - nes - ty, "Good - will towards men!"
Ma - gi tread, Joy - ful, the path that led, Sav - iour, to Thee!

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II. THE APPEARING OF THE STAR.

Responsive Reading.

Leader. — Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,

Cong. — **Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and are come to worship him.**

And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa; for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah, art in no wise least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come forth a governor, which shall be the shepherd of my people Israel.

Then Herod privily called the wise men, and learned of them carefully what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search out carefully concerning the young child.

And they, having heard the king, went their way; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not.

There was the true light, even the light which lighteth every man, coming into the world.

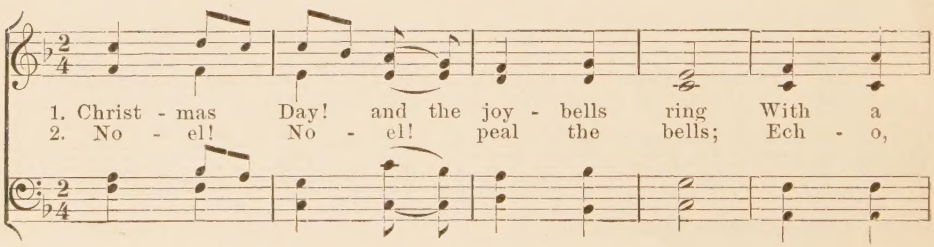
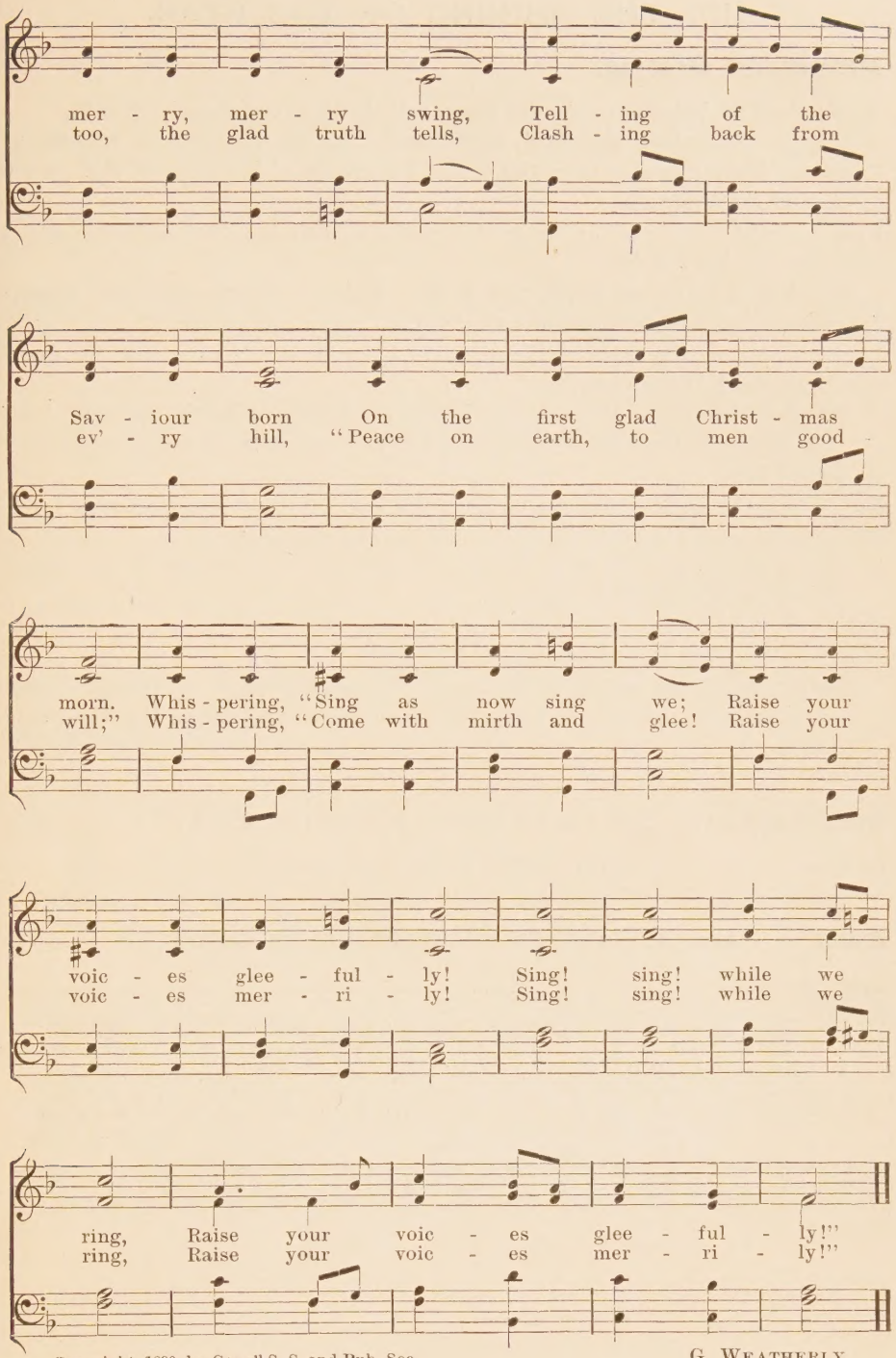
And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.

Recitations.

I.—THE SONG AND THE STAR.

II.—THE NEW-BORN LIGHT.

Song.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

mer - ry, mer - ry swing, Tell - ing of the
too, the glad truth tells, Clash - ing back from
Sav - iour born On the first glad Christ - mas
ev' - ry hill, "Peace on earth, to men good
morn. Whis - pering, "Sing as now sing we; Raise your
will;" Whis - pering, "Come with mirth and glee! Raise your
voic - es glee - ful - ly! Sing! sing! while we
voic - es mer - ri - ly! Sing! sing! while we
ring, Raise your voic - es glee - ful - ly!"
ring, Raise your voic - es mer - ri - ly!"

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G. WEATHERLY.

III. THE SHINING OF THE STAR.

Responsive Reading.

Leader. — The darkness is passing away, and the true light already shineth.

Cong. — **It is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him.

He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil.

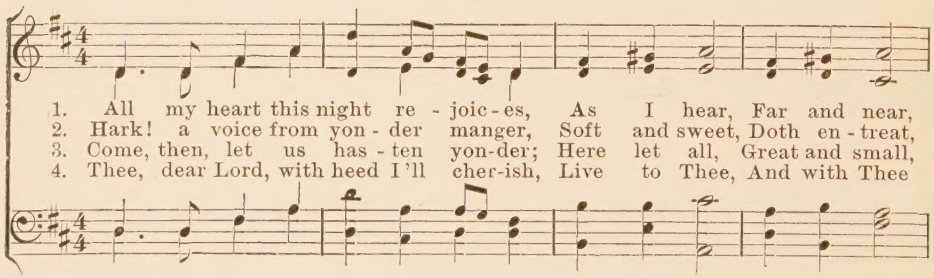
For every one that doeth ill hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved.

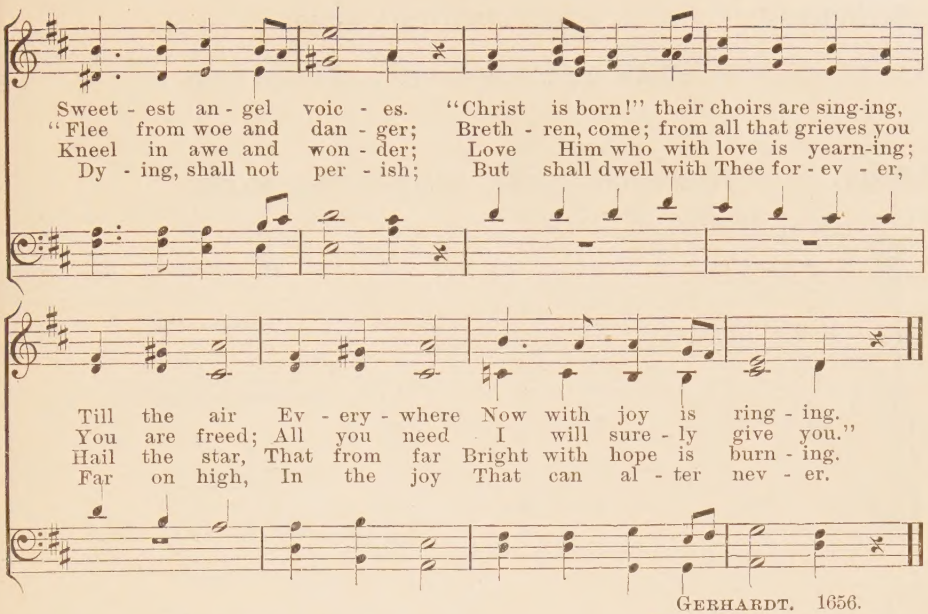
But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any way of wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Recitations. I.—THE DAY-SPRING FROM ON HIGH.

II.—THE RISEN STAR.

Song. ALL MY HEART THIS NIGHT REJOICES.

1. All my heart this night re - joic - es, As I hear, Far and near,
2. Hark! a voice from yon - der manger, Soft and sweet, Doth en - treat,
3. Come, then, let us has - ten yon-der; Here let all, Great and small,
4. Thee, dear Lord, with heed I 'll cher-ish, Live to Thee, And with Thee


Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing-ing,
"Flee from woe and dan - ger; Breth - ren, come; from all that grieves you
Kneel in awe and won - der; Love Him who with love is yearn-ing;
Dy - ing, shall not per - ish; But shall dwell with Thee for - ev - er,
Till the air Ev - ery - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
You are freed; All you need I will sure - ly give you."
Hail the star, That from far Bright with hope is burn - ing.
Far on high, In the joy That can al - ter nev - er.

GERHARDT. 1656.
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IV. THE CHILDREN OF THE STAR.

Responsive Reading.

Leader. — Ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth).

Cong. — **Giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love.**

Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may shew forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power eternal. Amen.

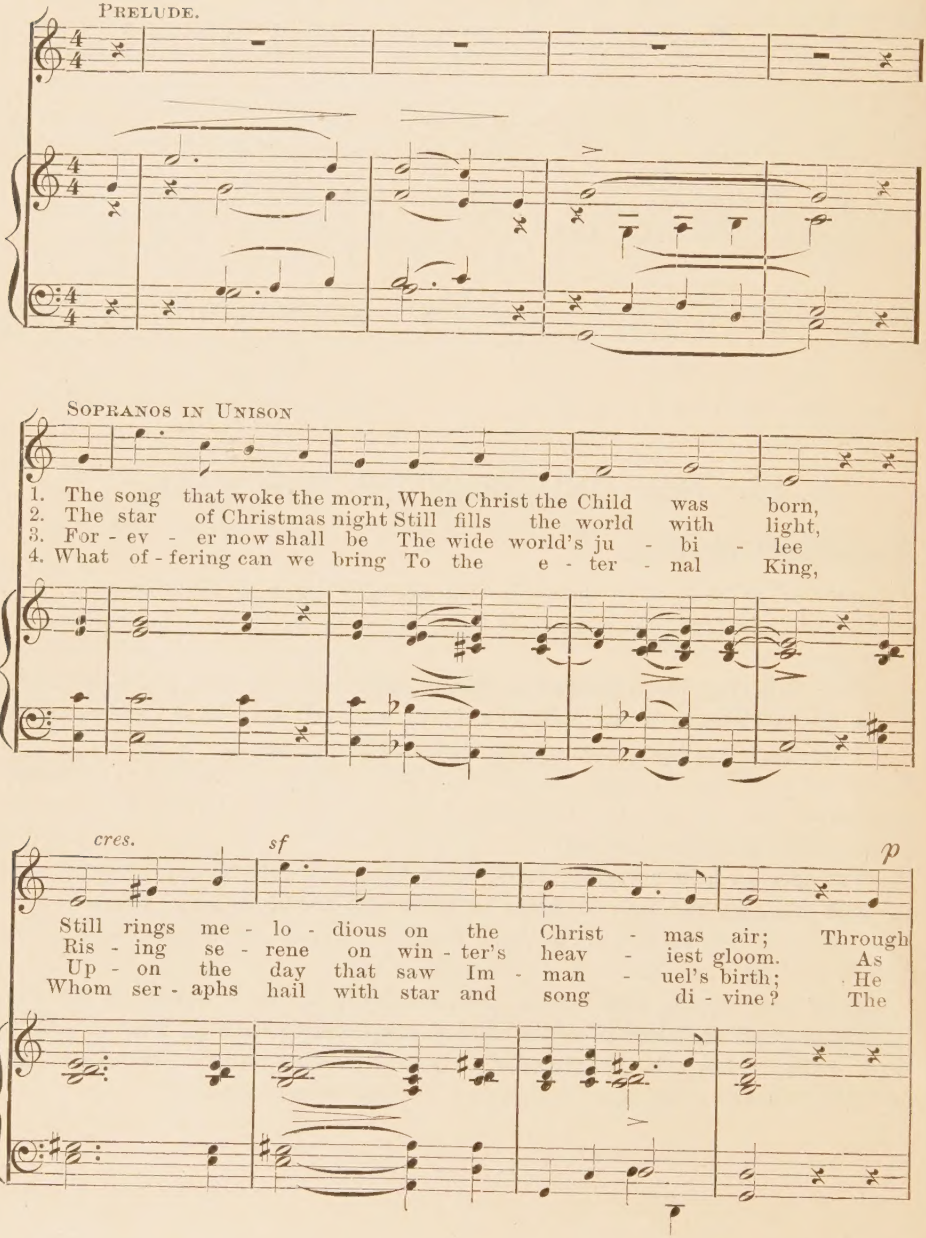
And this is the message which we have heard from him, and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not. While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light.

Recitations. I.—THE GUIDING STAR.

II.—THE STAR WHICH LED TO HIM.

Song. THE SONG THAT WOKE THE MORN.

Prelude.
Sopranos in Unison
1. The song that woke the morn, When Christ the Child was born,
2. The star of Christmas night Still fills the world with light,
3. For - ev - er now shall be The wide world's ju - bi - lee
4. What of - fering can we bring To the e - ter - nal King,
cres.
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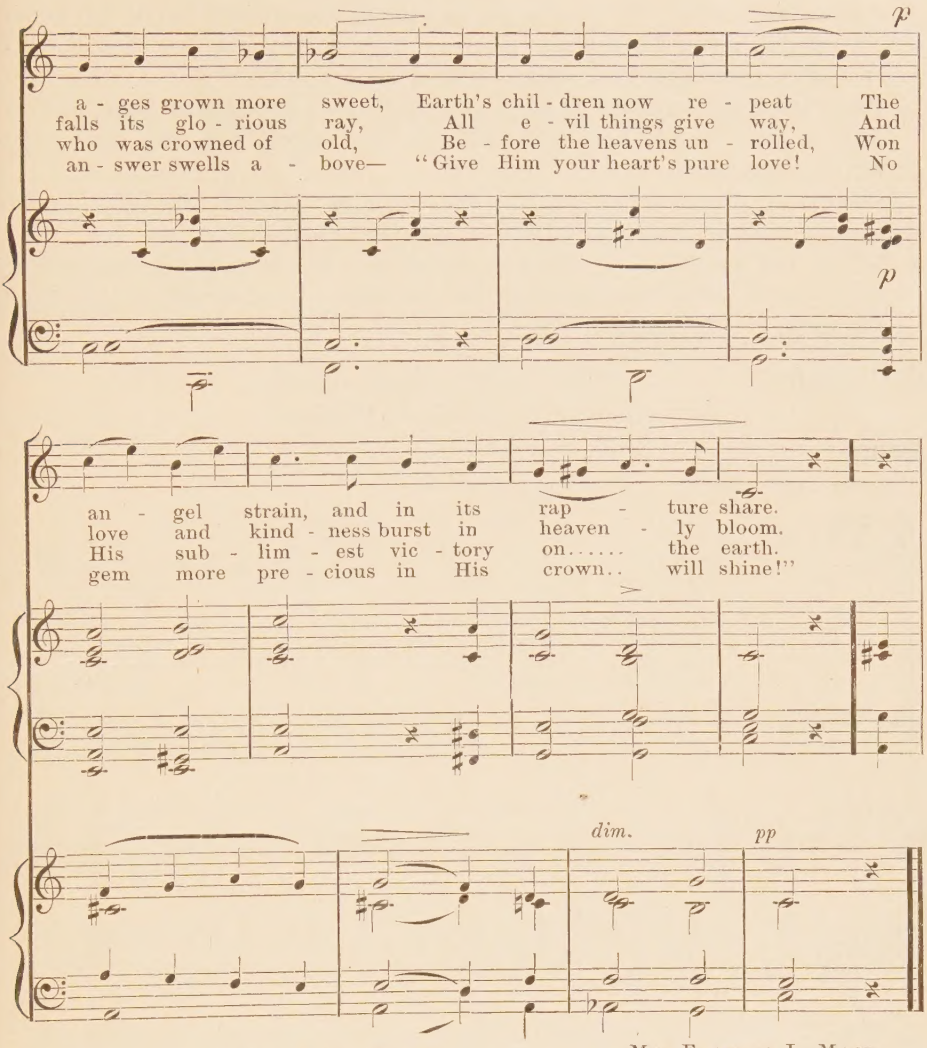
Still rings me - lo - dious on the Christ - mas air; Through
Ris - ing se - rene on win - ter's heav - iest gloom. As
Up - on the day that saw Im - man - uel's birth; He
Whom ser - aphs hail with star and song di - vine? The

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a - ges grown more sweet, Earth's chil - dren now re - peat The
falls its glo - rious ray, All e - vil things give way, And
who was crowned of old, Be - fore the heavens un - rolled, Won
an - swer swells a - bove— "Give Him your heart's pure love! No
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an - gel strain, and in its rap - ture share.
love and kind - ness burst in heaven - ly bloom.
His sub - lim - est vic - tory on..... the earth.
gem more pre - cious in His crown.. will shine!"
dim.
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V. THE CITY OF THE STAR.

Responsive Reading.

Leader. — And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and shewed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.

Cong. — **Her light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal.**

And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it.

For the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof is the Lamb.

And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall do him service; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads.

And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

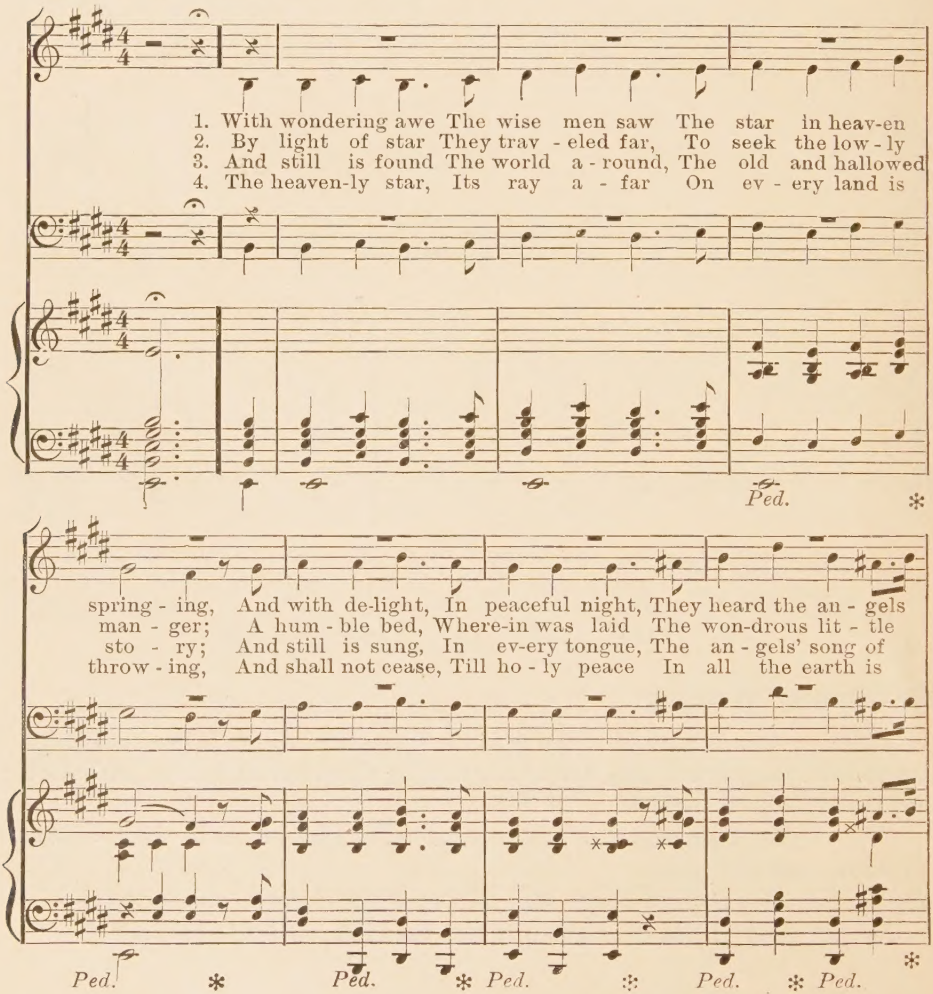
I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, the morning star.

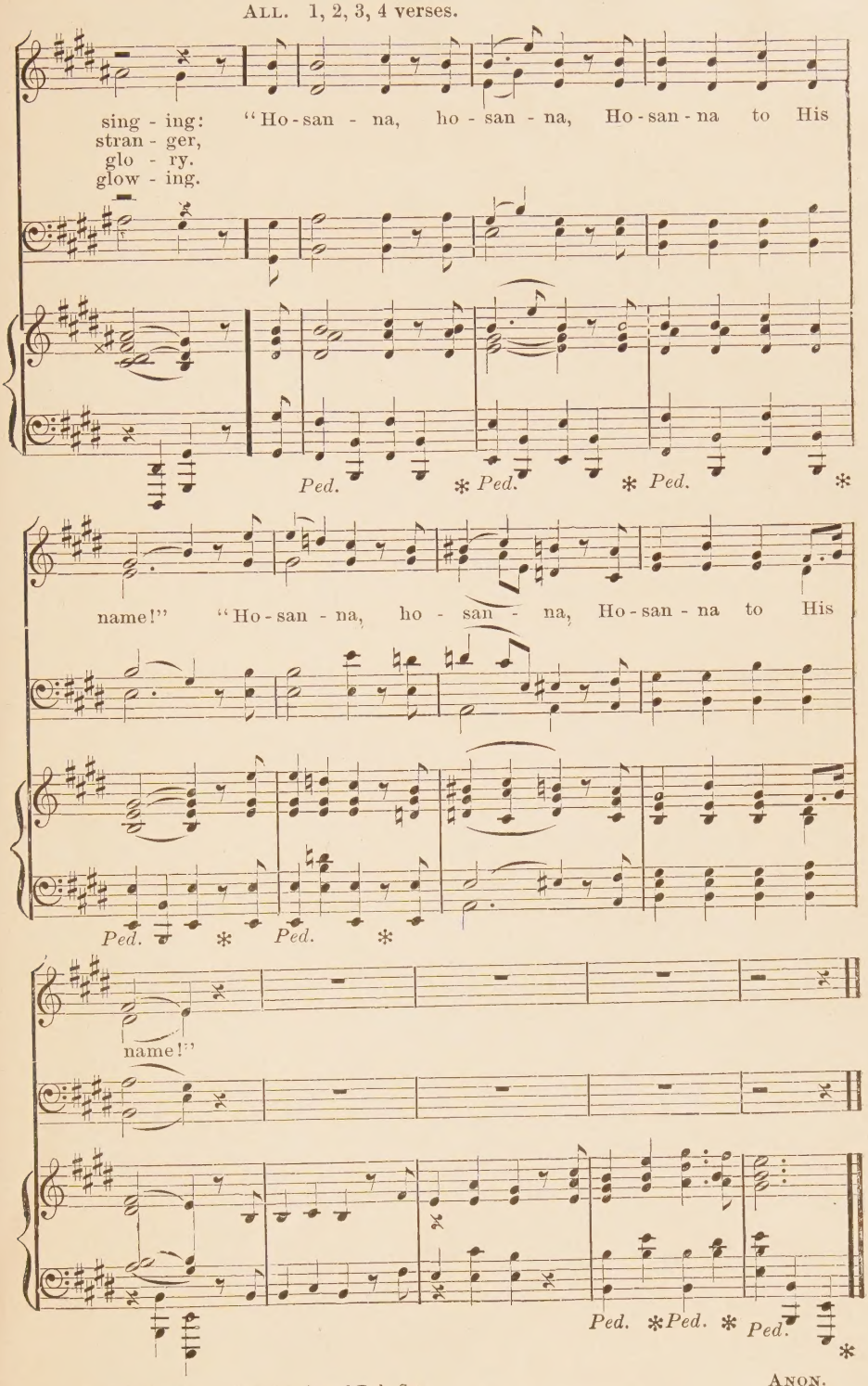
All. — **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.**

Recitations. I.—THE CHRISTMAS STAR.
II.—THE SIGNAL STAR.

Song. HOSANNA.

MARCH TIME. BASSES AND ALTOS IN UNISON.


1. With wondering awe The wise men saw The star in heav-en
2. By light of star They trav - eled far, To seek the low - ly
3. And still is found The world a - round, The old and hallowed
4. The heaven-ly star, Its ray a - far On ev - ery land is
Ped.
spring - ing, And with de-light, In peaceful night, They heard the an - gels
man - ger; A hum - ble bed, Where-in was laid The won-drous lit - tle
sto - ry; And still is sung, In ev-ery tongue, The an - gels' song of
throw - ing, And shall not cease, Till ho - ly peace In all the earth is
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.


ALL. 1, 2, 3, 4 verses.
sing - ing:
stran - ger,
glo - ry.
glow - ing.
"Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na to His
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *
name!" "Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na to His
Ped. * Ped. *
name!"
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

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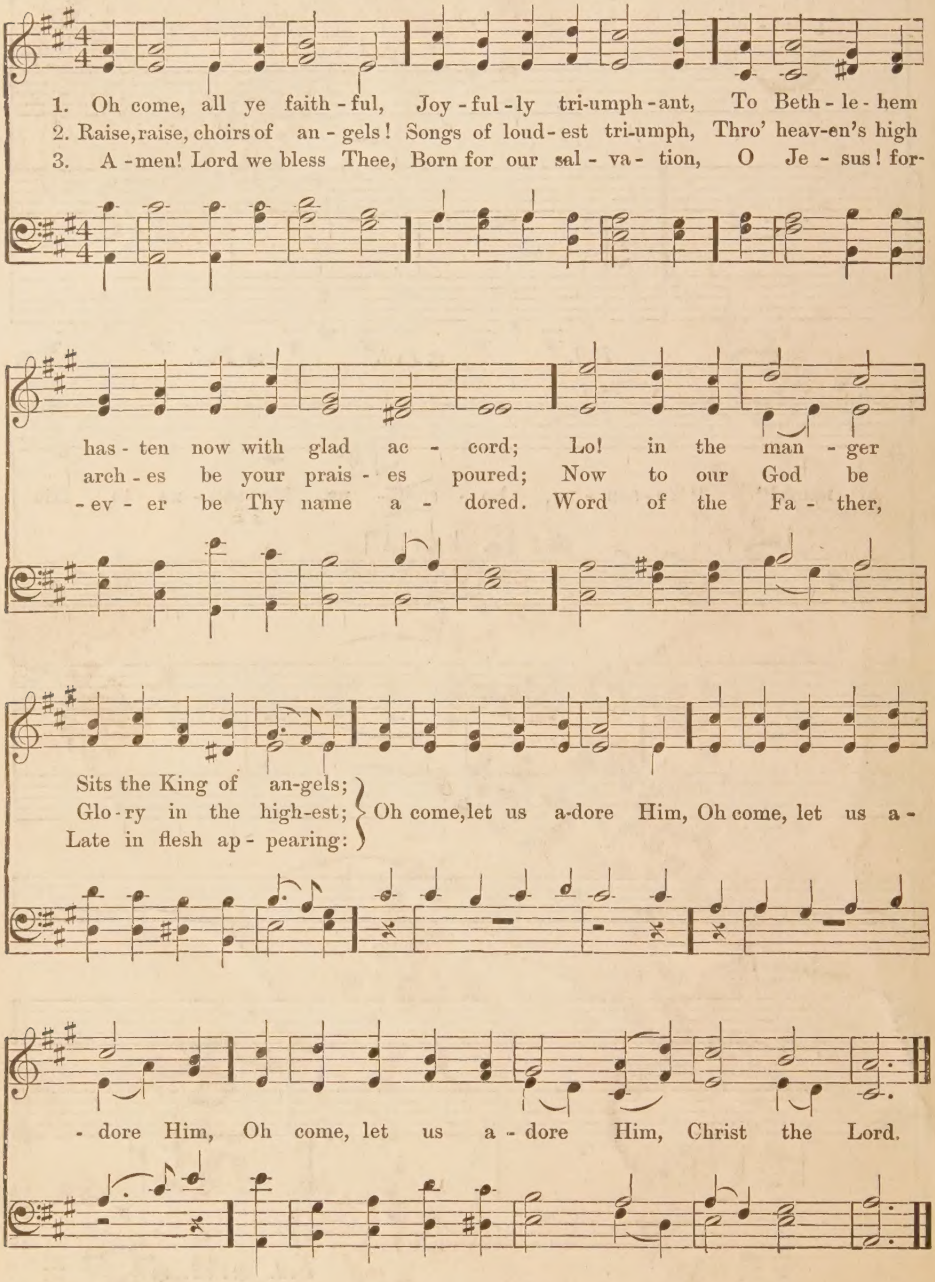
ANON.

Addresses.

Christmas Offerings, or Christmas Gifts.

Song. "ADESTE FIDELES."

1. Oh come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful - ly tri-umph - ant, To Beth - le - hem
2. Raise, raise, choirs of an - gels! Songs of loud - est tri-umph, Thro' heav-en's high
3. A - men! Lord we bless Thee, Born for our sal - va - tion, O Je - sus! for-
has - ten now with glad ac - cord; Lo! in the man - ger
arch - es be your prais - es poured; Now to our God be
- ev - er be Thy name a - dored. Word of the Fa - ther,
Sits the King of an-gels;
Glo - ry in the high-est;
Late in flesh ap - pearing:
Oh come, let us a-dore Him, Oh come, let us a -
- dore Him, Oh come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

Benediction.